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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Director of Material**

**SUBJECT: Stockpiling**

1. As a follow up of our conversation last week relative to the possibility that it might be advisable to proceed with the procurement of certain material required for the physical deployment of the forward facilities, I am writing this memorandum to tell you that I have discussed this problem with the Project Comptroller who joins us in the feeling that, in view of the discussions to the effect that we are likely to activate all installations almost simultaneously and promptly, we should explore and/or effect our purchasing immediately.

2. As you will recall, our discussion of this matter centered around the requirement for procuring a supply of lumber to be made available for crating and packing supplies. My own idea is that we might well ask [redacted] to obtain a firm estimate on the number of board feet required and proceed with all purchasing, allowing a ten per cent over delivery for error and damage. This is a course of action in which I am sure we will have the Project Director's approval for the reasons noted above.

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